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Dear Ms. Nicholson:

The Council on Physical Disabilities supports the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant application submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. This grant application proposes a package of innovative activities as part of the Bridges to Work project. We endorse its goal of enhancing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The project matches many of the objectives identified in our State Plan for People with Physical Disabilities. We are especially interested in the activities to develop rural transportation options; to improve access to assistive technology; and to promote coordinated, person-centered and self-directed services.

The Council offers its assistance to this project, through our members and our website. Promoting employment opportunities is a significant step toward independent living for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

JorJan Borlin
Chairperson